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New Comment Submission

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Wed, Sep 16, 2009 at 11:54 AM

To: deblathrop@aol.com

Ms. Lalthrop,

We appreciate receiving your feedback about the San Luis Valley – Calumet – Comanche Transmission Project. Our process welcomes and encourages input from landowners along the proposed corridors. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), an Xcel Energy company, are partners in the proposed project and have a web site (www.socotransmission.com) that provides project details for the public and key stakeholders. In addition to detailed information about the purpose and need for the project, the site also features a mapping function that gives visitors a closer look at the proposed corridors. You can subscribe to the e-mail newsletter that provides news and updates about the project from the utilities.

While the project maps show the most recent data available from the Bureau of Land Management and Pueblo/Huerfano/Rio Grande/Alamosa/Costilla Counties, there are sometimes errors in the data or changes between updates. One of the reasons we encourage landowner participation in our process is to help identify inconsistencies and update this information. We have noted your comments regarding your property, but encourage you to submit corrected maps with property boundaries and structure locations.

If you have further comments or questions for the USDA RUS please send them to:

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or visit <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>

On Wed, Sep 16, 2009 at 12:01 AM, EDAW Engage <info@engage.edaw.com> wrote:

A new comment has been submitted at [socotransmission.com](http://www.socotransmission.com).

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:

I was not able to attend a meeting

Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Historic and Cultural Sites, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Proximity to Residences

Property Uses:

Agriculture, Commercial, Residential, Conservation Easement, Other
OTHER: Historical (on National Registry)

Comment:

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I-197-001

One of the proposed lines (#47 on your map) runs directly through our property (Lathrop/Law). This land was purchased with the explicit reason for putting it under conservation easement and to keep it open to the public to use for hiking, riding, skiing, etc (no motorized vehicles). We have been working with Colorado Open Land Trust for the past 1 1/2 years. When the Easement is finalized we will be allowed a single home building site, thus we chose the prettiest location. This location has unmatched, magnificent views looking to the East for over 50 miles to the Eastern Colorado plains and the Spanish Peaks. The transmission line (#47) would go directly through the chosen building site and both #47 and #46 lines would destroy this million dollar property...with its million dollar views.

I-197-002**I-197-003**

Part of this land contains one of the few remaining, intact ghost towns dating back to 1877. The Huerfano County Commissioners granted us commercial use to open the historic buildings to the public. On this land is the 1877 Narrow Gauge RR Depot which is on the National Historic Register (#80000902). Adams State College has expressed interest in doing archaeological studies on the land, not only for the railroad history but also the saw mill/logging industry that existed in the early 1900's to approximately 1940's. Our land is also located within the Sangre de Cristo area which has been designated as part of the 'Keep it Colorado' Campaign (to preserve areas of Colorado).

We have worked for 8 years to stabilize, restore and finally open this piece of history not only for the people of Colorado but also for all Americans (and international visitors). We have used all of our own personal savings money to protect this area for future generations...PLEASE do not use either #47 or #46 for the transmission corridor.

I-197-004

ALSO, it is important to note your maps are incorrect. They have our (Lathrop/Law) property boundary line incorrectly drawn, and they do not show the 9 buildings currently in use both as residences and for historical/commercial purposes. In addition the land is used for agricultural grazing.
Sincerely,
Deborah A. Lathrop (owner)

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I-197-001: Land Use (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to land use from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-197-002: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

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The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-197-003: Cultural, Historic, and Arch (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to and mitigation measures regarding cultural, historic, and archaeological resources from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-197-004: Correction to Data (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The information you provided will be verified and project materials will be updated accordingly.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in

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